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1. The Central Institute for Scientific Research and Planning (ICEPS), Bucharest, carries out tests and analyses on behalf of the Ministry of Industrial Chemistry. For research work the Institute uses the laboratory of the Polytechnical School.
2. In 1950, the director of the Institute was Professor Nenitescu, who has probably resigned since he was not popular with the Communist Party leaders. A second director was Professor Blum, a distinguished chemist-specialist doing oil and coal research work.
3. ICEPS has several departments, of which the following are known: coking coal, pharmaceutical products, and metallurgy. In the coking coal department, four or five engineers are working on a formula for the production of coking coal. The result was to be a metallurgical coking coal, produced from local anthracite and oil coke, of better quality than the imported coking coal. Soviet engineers had drawn up plans for a factory in Hunedoara, and in 1950 the building was begun. In 1951, production of coking coal was to start.
4. The pharmaceutical department of ICEPS produced chloromycetin, sulfamides and other antibiotics. This department maintains several test plants, one of which is a factory at Dudesti-Cioplea, Bucharest, employing 30 workers. One of its products is phenacetin.

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